up FCI to the High Court. It is not prudent to undertake any study at this juncture.

Development of National Parks/Sanctuaries in Andhra Pradesh

5430. DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing funds for the development of National Parks and Sanctuaries to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details of funds provided during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved there from during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh for the development of National Parks and Sanctuaries are as given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Year-wise funds released (Rupees in Lakhs)		
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	87.54	186.07	88.595
2.	Project Tigar	29.036	45.00	21.00
3.	Eco-Development in and around Protected Areas	44.534	33.548	69.595
4.	Project Elephant	11.86	46.3	31.00

(c) Wildlife conservation measures taken during the last three years have improved the habitat of wild animals.

Rights of villagers/tribals in designated forests in Andhra Pradesh

5431. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local population, like tribals and villagers, have specified rights in the designated forests who heavily depend on forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such designated forests in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government intend to inform the Village Panchayats about the specified rights to pass on to local population; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important specified rights of local population in the designated forests are:

(i) Right of way in the notified forests wherever the right is included in the notification.

(ii) Right to collect minor forest produce by local tribals and villagers.

(iii) Right to watercourse in the notified forest areas wherever the rights are included in the notification.

(iv) Right to collect fuelwood, fodder and other usufruct in JFM areas by the members practicing JFM from the areas allotted to the Van Samrakshan Samitis (Village Forest Protection Committees).

(c) The area under designated forests in Andhra Pradesh is as below:

Reserved forests—50478 Sq. Km.

Protected forests—12365 Sq. Km.

Unclassified forests—969 Sq. Km.

(d) The tribals and villagers are already enjoying the rights in the designated forests as specified under Answer (b) above.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds to Andhra Pradesh under National River Conservation Programme

5432. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has forwarded any proposal